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CITY OF BEAVERTON AWARDS FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER

- Organizations That Provide Food and Shelter for the Needy Top the List -

Beaverton, Oregon (June 8, 2009) – The City of Beaverton has awarded a total of **\$273,634.95** in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and state revenue sharing funds to local social service organizations to support their efforts to care for those in need in the community through the **Social Services Funding** program.

“Raising awareness and helping to support our social service network is crucial, especially in this challenging economy,” said **Mayor Denny Doyle**. “The City of Beaverton is proud to support organizations that help provide food, clothing and shelter to those most in need.”

Each year, area non-profit organizations are encouraged to submit an application for funding. For the 2009-2010 fiscal year, there was \$273,634.95 in available funding and 30 applications were submitted for a total request of \$414,180. The sources of the grant funds include \$181,860 in state revenue sharing grants and \$91,774.95 in CDBG funds. The City’s Social Services Funding Committee reviews applications, conducts interviews and submits recommendations for approval. The City Council approved the recommendations at their June 1st meeting.

Members of the **Social Services Funding Committee** include one Council member who serves as the Chair and five citizen members who are appointed by the Mayor and each of the other City Councilors. This year, the committee was chaired by **Councilor Betty Bode** and she was joined by Beaverton residents **Eleanore Hale, Carl Teitelbaum, Lisa Yamin, Troy Hoppenrath** and **Sue Wagoner**.

“There is such an immediate need for food and shelter,” said **City Councilor and Social Services Funding Committee Chair Betty Bode**. “This year, the Social Services Funding committee focused on providing funds to organizations that deliver basic needs to people in the Beaverton community.”

2009-2010 SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING GRANT RECIPIENTS

Beaverton Literacy Council: provides volunteer tutors to teach English as a second language classes and prepare students for naturalization process and citizenship examination. Students are economically disadvantaged immigrant members of the community. **\$4,000**

Beaverton Loaves and Fishes: provides hot, nutritious meals to seniors in Beaverton. **\$6,000**

Beaverton Rotary Foundation, Dental Check Program: provides dental screening to children at one Beaverton Elementary School each year. Qualified children receive dental treatment at OHSU Dental School or at a local volunteer dental office. No administrative expenses. **\$6,000**

Boys and Girls Aid Society, Safe Place Shelter: provides services to runaway, homeless, and at-risk Beaverton youth at the Safe Place Shelter in Hillsboro. Provides short-term shelter, supportive services, and a

critical link to community services to assist youth in finding safe housing and increasing their stability. **\$20,000**

Care to Share: provides emergency food, school supplies for low-income youth, and rent and utility assistance to Beaverton residents. **\$13,522**

Community Action Organization, Energy and Emergency Rent Program: provides emergency assistance to low income Beaverton residents who are in crisis and are at risk of being evicted because they cannot pay their rent. Other services provided are energy assistance, energy conservation workshops and tenant education classes. **\$21,774.95**

Community Alliance of Tenants, Renter Stability Education Program: works with low-income tenants to increase housing stability and safety through education services, Renter's Rights Hotline, community workshops and informational brochures. **\$5,000**

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children: recruits, trains, and supervises community volunteers to advocate for children who have found their way into the juvenile court system. These children have been neglected, abused and removed from their homes. **\$12,000**

Domestic Violence Resource Center, Monika's House: provides a safe and confidential shelter for domestic violence survivors in imminent physical danger. The shelter provides accommodation and services that empower residents for self sufficiency. This is the only domestic violence shelter for women in Washington County. **\$14,000**

Ecumenical Ministries, Shared Housing: provides affordable housing to Beaverton residents through a matching service program. They match those looking for housing with those who have an extra room to rent in their home. **\$3,000**

Essential Health Clinic, Project Access Washington County (PAWC): provides increased access to medical care, both primary and specialty care, for people in Beaverton without health insurance, of low-income and with a specific medical need. **\$7,000**

Good Neighbor Center: the only homeless shelter in East Washington County. The shelter operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides housing, meals, clothing, and case management. **\$12,000**

LifeWorks Northwest, New Parent Network: provides support services for at-risk first time parents, preventing possible child abuse and neglect and increasing the child's readiness to enter school. **\$15,000**

Open Door Counseling, Housing Support Services Program: provide services to very low, low-and moderate-income Beaverton residents who are at-risk of being homeless. These services include: no-cost homeless housing support services, no-cost pre-purchasing first-time homebuyer education, and no-cost loss mitigating counseling for those who are facing mortgage foreclosure. **\$8,500**

Oregon Somali Family Education Center: provides services to school-age Somali children and their families in areas of tutoring, parent education and support, sports and recreation, tutoring, ESL classes embedded with skill building and health education. **\$21,000**

Portland Housing Center: provides home buyer education, counseling and financial assistance to low-to-moderate income, first-time homebuyers in Beaverton, specifically targeting households that are under-represented in homeownership, and non-English speaking home buyers. **\$10,000**

RebUilding Together: provides home repair and rehabilitation services to low-income homeowners in Beaverton; particularly to the disabled and elderly residents. **\$5,000**

St. Matthew Emergency Food Program: provides 5 to 7 days of nutritional food and basic household products to low-income residents of Beaverton in need and referred by Care to Share. This food pantry has been in operation since 1974. **\$5,000**

Sexual Assault Resource Center: provides free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault which include support, counseling, and advocacy. **\$8,038**

Store to Door: provides shopping and delivery of groceries to seniors and people with disabilities who are not mobile enough to shop for groceries, toiletries, household items and prescriptions on their own. **\$5,000**

Sunshine Pantry: provides food, clothing, sundries and household items to low income, disabled, unemployed and in-need persons. **\$20,000**

Tualatin Valley Housing Partners, Families for Independent Living: provides assistance to development disabled citizens to find housing, but mainly focusing on socialization, developing computer skills, solving interpersonal problems and developing independence. **\$5,300**

Tualatin Valley Housing Partners, Resident Support and Affordable Housing Stabilization: provide individualized, intense assistance to developmentally disabled individuals and families at risk of eviction and becoming homeless. **\$6,500**

Westside Service Center: provides a clean, safe and sober environment where individuals struggling to free themselves from the addiction of drugs and alcohol can find support, including the 12-step recovery program. **\$20,000**

Youth Contact: provides alcohol, drug and mental health treatment, juvenile delinquency intervention and divorce transition services to at-risk Beaverton youth. **\$20,000**

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